

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report

0606-0015
Case Number

Case Title:
CES Environmental Services

Reporting Office:
Dallas Area Office

Subject of Report:
Execution of Search Warrant at CES-PACES, Port Arthur, TX

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ASAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

SYNOPSIS

A federal search warrant was executed at the CES-PACES facility, 2420 South Gulfway Drive, Port Arthur, Texas, during the period August 4-6, 2009.

DETAILS

On 08/04/09 at 07:00 hours, entry was made pursuant to a federal search warrant on the premises of PACES (Port Arthur Chemical & Environmental Services), Port Arthur, Texas. The senior company official then present was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) the plant dispatcher. A copy of the search warrant was provided to Cumberland.

Document search was completed by the afternoon of 08/04/09, and all supporting agency personnel were released, with the exception of Port Arthur Police officers providing 24-hour access control at the facility throughout the duration of the search.

Sampling activity was completed by late morning of 08/06/09. Nighttime presence was maintained on 08/06/07 by SA (b) (6), and SA (b) (6), and on 08/07/09 by SA (b) (6), and SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Exit from the facility was made on 08/06/09 at 13:12 hours, following presentation of an inventory of articles taken to Plant Manager (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by SA (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was briefed on procedures for obtaining copies of company documents essential to continued business operation.

A number of workers were interviewed. USCGIS SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would generate interview reports for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and forward those directly to SA (b) (6), TCEQ Investigation Manager (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would forward a report of interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will forward interview reports for (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) TCEQ Investigator (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will forward an interview report for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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All waste resulting from sampling activity, such as PPE, decontamination solution waste, and sampling devices, was removed from the premises by the START contractor.

The briefing sign-up sheet was previously directed to SA (b) (6), on 08/07/09.

There were no unusual incidents.